law enforcement officer trying to pursue a lawbreaker. I
think it is ironic this bill came up at this time when just
this morning on television we heard that a suspect has been
picked up who they think may have been the killer of those
two young boys in Sarpy County. Now how did they ever get
onto the tip? Because a school teacher got the license
plate number of that vehicle. Now I ask you, if she had
been able to get to the police faster and if they had been
able to identify that vehicle sooner and an Omaha Policeman
or a Sarpy County Sheriff had given pursuit, what would have
happened? Do you think that man, if he is guilty of
murdering those two children, would have stopped or do you
think he would have floored it and gone as fast as he could?
Should the police then have said, "Oh, somebody might get
hurt. We had better not chase him." That is only one
example. The police don't always know when they are chasing
someone who they are. Any law-abiding citizen knows when
the police come after you unless it is in an unmarked car
that you stop, and a citizen who does not stop may very well
not be a law-abiding citizen and may be a very serious
felon. So for this reason I support Senator Chronister's
bill. I don't think that any political subdivision should
be held responsible for the acts of a fleeing lawbreaker. I
think this is a precedent that will prove that in our
attempt to protect society if we allow the present law to
stay as it is, society will lose that protection. I urge
the passage of Senator Chronister's bill.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: I will pass for right now.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, would Senator Beutler yield to
just a couple of questions.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Beutler, would you yield.

SENATOR LANDIS: I take silence in this case as consent.
Let me proceed on. I understand that the bill in its
language adds to the statutes the requirements of going
through the appropriate tort claims process, and while this
is a new burden statutorily, I am wondering if, in fact, it

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